

## SEYCHELLES MARINE SPATIAL PLANNING (MSP) INITIATIVE

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### MSP Phase 2 Inception Workshop (Praslin/La Digue)

Saturday 2 June 2018

09:00 AM-12:00 PM

Location: Oasis Resort, Grand Anse Praslin

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### Minutes

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#### Present:

Wills Agricole- Principle Secretary Energy and Climate Change, Co-Chair MSP Steering Committee

Ray Payet- Fishermen Association of La Digue

Ron Lesperance- Praslin Fishermen Association

Beryl Barbe- Grand Anse Praslin

Pascal Andre- Grand Anse Praslin

Fred Lespers- FBOA Praslin

Sonley Esther- Praslin Fishers Association

Marc Gonthier- Fishing Boat Owner Association Praslin

Teddy Stravens- Fishing Boat Owner Association Praslin

Louis Bossy- Fishing Boat Owner Association Praslin

Sylvine Sopha- Praslin Fishermen Association

Remy Uranie- La Digue

#### MSP Core Team:

Helena Sims- MSP Project Manager, TNC Africa- MSP Core Team

Joanna Smith- MSP Science and Process Lead, TNC Canada- MSP Core Team

Vania Robert- MSP Executive Admin Assistant

Rick Tingey- GIS consultant for the Seychelles Marine Spatial Plan

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Agenda Item Number	Agenda Item	Notes/Comments/Advice	Action_Response (with initials for who provides response)
1	Opening	The workshop was officially opened by the PS of Energy and Climate Change, Mr. Agricole, who is also the co-chair of the MSP Steering Committee. The PS gave the introductions, purpose and main objectives of the workshop.	
		There was a round-table of introductions of participants who were in attendance. (See Annex II for full list of stakeholders present).	
		A review of participant package components was carried out.	
2	MSP Phase 2	An Overview of the MSP Phase 2 project objectives, scale, expected results and timelines was provided to the participants.	
		Queries were made as to how the criteria for 30% marine protections in shallow waters were developed. It was pointed out that shallow waters are high economic, social and cultural use areas and that they are vital to the economy of the Seychelles.	
		The question was raised about the size of the area that was committed for protection when the debt swap was reduced from USD81 to USD21 million.	
		Questions were raised as to the decision making process in terms of stakeholder displacement and key livelihoods of the people of Seychelles.	
		It was pointed out that 'Artisanal fishermen' can be separated out into further different groups; Trap fishermen (Kazyé), Octopus fishermen, Mini Mahe fishermen.	
	Phase 1 Areas	Clarity was sought on the allowable activities relating to fisheries in Zone 1 and zone 2 areas.	
		A query was made as to whether the MSP has considered the (SFA) fisheries demersal fishery management plan?	
3	Governance of MSP Phase 2	<p>An overview of the Governance of MSP Phase 2 was provided to participants and included the;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Roles and responsibilities,</li> <li>• Collaboration between other projects and</li> <li>• Review of MSP Executive committee, Steering committee and technical working group Terms of Reference and participants.</li> </ul>	

Allowable Activities	Clarification was sought as to whether there has been Cabinet approval for the 3km boundary extension of the Aldabra Special Reserve.	
Allowable Activities	Concerns on the allowable uses included; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- why is pearl farming allowed in Curieuse Marine National Park but fishing is not allowed?</li> <li>- Why is tourism allowed in a protected area while artisanal fishing is not?</li> </ul>	
Allowable Activities	It was mentioned that the Longliners and Purse Seine are competing for the same fishing grounds	
Allowable Activities	Concerns were raised that some areas already have activities such as tourism, fisheries and are being proposed as Zone 1.	
Allowable Activities	A comment was made that the lights on patrol boats and in marinas have a higher negative impact than artisanal fishermen.	
Allowable Activities	A concern as to why is Industrial Purse Seine setting on free school allowable in Area 6 was made? It was additionally noted that the Industrial Purse Seine is not allowable in the industrial fishery exclusion zones but that the allowable activities table does not reflect this clearly.	
Monitoring and enforcement	Workshop participants question who will monitor and enforce these new PAs?	An MSP Governance framework is being developed and will be ready by end of 2018.
	The participants wanted clarification on what is the cost for monitoring the new PAs and where will the funding come from?	An MSP Costing analysis will be carried out to develop costing scenarios for enforcement of the new PAs.
	A question was raised as to what will the penalties be if there is non-compliance and who will develop these penalties?	Penalties in existing legislation would apply unless amendments are carried out by GoS.

		It was queried as to whether the MSP will require revisions in the law?	It has been agreed that as far as possible existing laws and policies would apply. Some amendments of regulations may however be required.
		The capacity to implement was a concern for the workshop participants present.	
		A point was raised that it is important to control foreign investors in the fishing industry and that licences are being given to other boats from Sri Lanka.	
		Workshop participants expressed that illegal fishing and security is a concern and is ongoing as close as Curieuse and Coco. Hence, how would these large areas be enforced?	
		It was pointed out that it is important to develop a design that can be implemented.	
		Workshop participants were of the opinion that there is poor monitoring and surveillance and implementation of inner island MPAs such as Coco, Curieuse with high level of poaching and corruption.	
4	Proposed work-plan for MSP Phase 2 (2018)	An overview of the proposed workplan for phase 2 was provided to the workshop participants.	
5	Areas for consideration in MSP Phase 2	An overview of the MSP Zoning design was provided to workshop participants and discussions on areas for consideration in Phase 2 ensued.	
		Proposed to make area 16, 7 and 8 into a zone 2 = 3.6% and Area 14 to zone 1 to meet the next milestone. Coetivy and Alphonse areas should be a Z2 and should only allow artisanal fishing and local longliners.	
	Area 2- Bird and Denis Island	It was pointed out that Area 2 is very important to the fishermen of Mahe Praslin and La Digue as a safe area to anchor/fish during bad weather and during the SE monsoon.  A suggestion was made that Area 2 may be a seasonal closure area and open in SE monsoon (+/-1 month around SE monsoon). The specific month of open/closed can be decided in a separate meeting.	JS: Needs to meet criteria for sustainable use e.g. by-catch, quota etc.

		A proposal was made that the Z1 area is decreased to 2-5nm radius- MSP to send maps with some suggestions. J.S. R.T.	
	Coco de Mer Seamount	It was pointed out that the Coco de mer seamount and the drop-off is important fishing area for the Ruby Snapper ( <i>Etellis</i> )	
	MSP Process and engaging Praslin and La Digue Stakeholders	Workshop participants made a recommendation that meetings on Praslin for Praslin and La Digue fishermen is best but at one point in time they need to also be represented in larger meetings on Mahe.	
		Workshop participants voiced that there should be more fisheries representation in the next meetings and that one fishermen cannot and should not speak for all fishermen as they all have different preferable areas to fish and most are in area 1 only.	
		There was agreement that the SE monsoon is the best time to have meetings with August being the best month. Meetings to be held in the afternoon.	
		Participants proposed a compensation for the next meeting for a higher turnout. This could be through a stakeholder support fund with remuneration upon presentation of registered card (fishery licence).	J.S., H.S.
		A recommendation was made that if implementation starts after 2020, more stakeholder consultations should be carried out until then.	
		It was proposed that in the next meeting there should be more maps provided where stakeholders can vote and can revise the zoning designs.	
6	AOB	Workshop participants expressed an overall lack of trust for the Authorities and ministries as many promises had been made in the past that have not been kept, hence why fishermen are not keen to participate in further discussions at a cost of not going fishing and losing revenue. Fishers also felt that many decisions being taken without their consultation.	

		It was pointed out that the fisheries sector on Praslin island have not seen any improvements (infrastructure, ice plants...) for the past 20 years. Hence, the view was that for fishermen to agree to an MPA as a condition of a national debt swap is severe.	
		The stakeholders were of the perception that the money received from the EU fisheries agreements are not being used for artisanal fisheries.	
		There were concerns that SFA cannot manage the fisheries resources and a proposal was made to involve fishermen in the management of their resources.	
		Workshop participants expressed their appreciation for the opportunity to participate in the MSP process.	
		The synergies with the GoS-UNDP-GEF Outer Islands Project were highlighted and participants were informed that the MSP is working with the project manager to avoid duplication of efforts.	
	Wrap up and vote of thanks	A vote of thanks was delivered by PS Agricole. He thanked the stakeholders for their honesty and for voicing their honest opinions. He confirmed that the MSP team will work to incorporate their comments in the process. The PS reiterated that fisheries is the pillar of the economy and that they will work to add more fisheries representatives on the TWG.	
	Next meeting	Next meeting scheduled for Aug/Sept 2018	
<b>Meeting adjourned at 1223 hrs with complementary lunch provided.</b>			

Minutes submitted by: Helena Sims on 19 July 2018

## Annex I: Agenda

# MSP Phase 2 Inception Workshop

Sat 2 June 2018

0900-1200hrs

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#	Time (hrs.)	Topic
	0900	Registration of Participants – <i>Coffee &amp; refreshments upon arrival</i>
1	0930	Official Opening of the Inception workshop <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Welcome and Agenda review</li></ul>
2	0940	MSP Phase 2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Overview of the MSP Phase 2 project objectives, scale, expected results and timelines</li></ul>
3	1000	Governance of MSP Phase 2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Roles and responsibilities,</li><li>• Collaboration between other projects and</li><li>• Review of MSP Executive committee, Steering committee and technical working group Terms of Reference and participants.</li></ul>
4	1030	Proposed work-plan for MSP Phase 2 (2018)
5	1045	Areas for consideration in MSP Phase 2
6	1100	Questions
7	1145	Wrap-up, Next steps, and Adjourn
	1200	<i>Complimentary lunch for all participants</i>

## Annex II: Signed participant list.







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